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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

With pitchers and catchers reporting to spring training camp and our students who recently returned from winter break, spring is just around the corner – at least, we hope! It appears as if March will come in like a lamb offering us the first few “spring-like” days. We have finished the first half of the school year and begun the second half. As our eighth grade students prepare for their final months here at St. Francis, it is important that we celebrate and acknowledge their accomplishments. This year’s group will join the ranks of our alumni as they prepare for their high school careers. Many have been accepted to the very best private, Catholic, and independent high schools in the areas. And so far, many have received scholarship money based upon their academic work here at St. Francis and on the Catholic High School Entrance Examination.

We certainly have much to “brag” about in this year’s eighth grade student body. A small handful still wait to hear from one or two schools whose acceptances are not sent out until later this month or perhaps, not even until the beginning of April. It is a very busy, but wonderful, time of year! Teachers can now see the fruits of their labor as their students have begun to master new skills and apply their new-found knowledge. Student independence and mastery is the goal of all our teaching. Even our Pre-kindergarten students are now able to separate quickly and joyfully from their parents, entering the building with a confident eagerness they did not have a few short months ago. How gratifying to all of us who are called to guide them on this path.

Professional Day: Friday, March 7th, there is NO SCHOOL, as it is a Professional Day for teachers.

Guild Meeting: Wednesday, March 11th, a Parent Guild meeting will be held in the school hall at 7:00 P.M. Hope to see you there, as there is a lot of excitement regarding upcoming events!

Early Dismissal: Wednesday, March 12th is a 12:00 noon dismissal.

Report Cards Pre-K – 4: Report cards will be distributed on Thursday, March 13th and parent/teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, March 26.

Holy Thursday/Good Friday: There is NO SCHOOL on Thursday, March 20 or Friday, March 21.

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**Please mark your April calendars**

**April 10, 2008 12:00 NOON DISMISSAL**

**April 11, 2008 NO SCHOOL**

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Harvey Uniform Co: Visiting SFA School on Tuesday, March 25, to do measurements for the entire school. We will send a notice concerning this as we get closer to this date.

Uniform Swap: On Monday, March 31st, we will have a uniform swap and will send further information to you in the near future.

Vacation Dates for 2008 – 2009

December 22 – January 2

February 16 – 20

April 20 – 24

We encourage you to schedule your vacation times around these dates.

Smoking: At dismissal, while waiting for your children, please refrain from smoking on school grounds. Thank you.

Lost & Found: The school is loaded with lost and found articles of clothing, lunch boxes, jewelry, and other odds and ends. If you would like to check and see if any of these things are yours, please stop at the school office and we will direct you to the area where these articles are kept. A suggestion would be to put names in all clothing and lunch boxes.

April Vacation: SFA School vacation will run from Friday, April 21st through Friday, April 25th.

God Bless and Enjoy Spring!

Mrs. Vittoria DeBenedictis, M. Ed.
Principal